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BLUE BEETLE...
IN
ANOTHER FAST-MOVING
CRUSADE AGAINST CRIME!



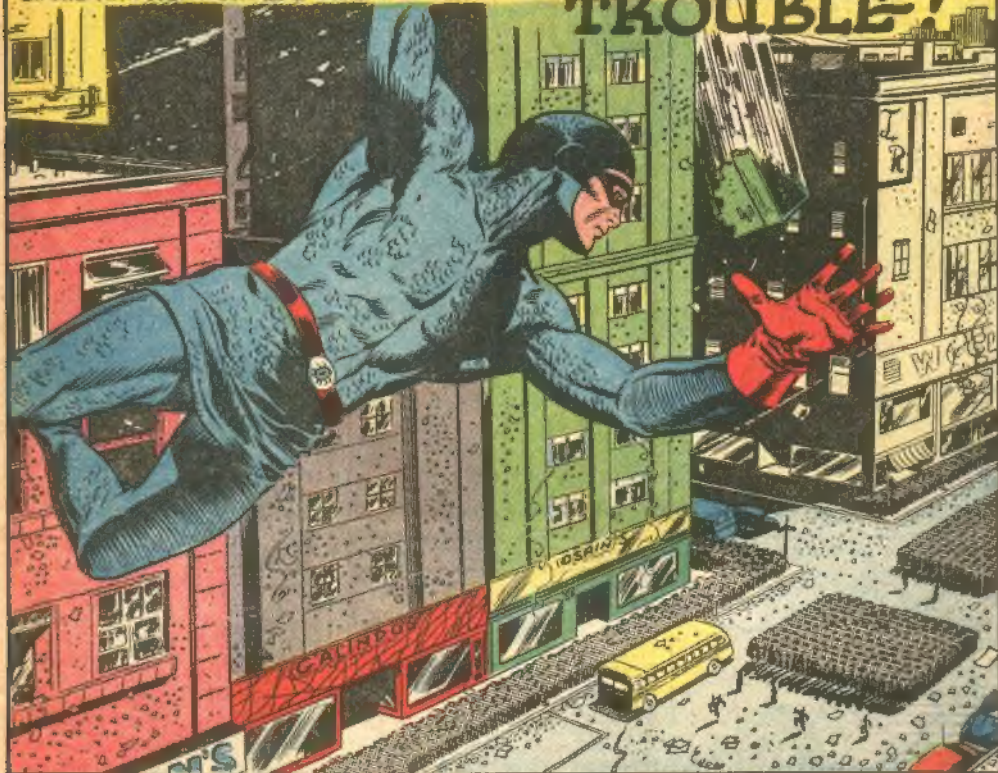
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BEFORE YOU'RE THROUGH READING THIS **BLUE BEETLE** YARN, FOLKS, YOU'LL BE SITTING ON THE EDGE OF YOUR SEATS! THIS WE'LL GUARANTEE---EVEN THOUGH IT STARTS WITH JUST A SIMPLE CASE OF....

ROOKIE TROUBLE!



HI, FELLOWS--
HOW'S THE
POLICE FORCE'S
RAWEST
ROOKIE
TODAY?

HE'S COMING ALONG AS FINE
AS COULD BE EXPECTED, JOAN
--AND NOW WHAT WOULD A
CHARMING NEWSHAWK LIKE YOUR-
SELF BE DOING ON OUR HUMDRUM
BEAT?



BEFORE JOAN CAN ANSWER--

JOAN--
WATCH
OUT!

HE IS AFTER ME!
HE HAS A GUN!

KEEP RUNNING,
MISTER---I'LL
STOP HIM FOR
YOU!



DAN-BOY,
YOU'VE
BOWLED
ME
OVER!

OFFICER, THAT MAN IS--

SAVE YOUR WIND--
YOU'LL BE NEEDING
IT FOR ALL THE
EXPLAINING YOU'LL
HAVE TO DO AT
THE STATION
HOUSE!

YOU GET AN A
FOR EFFORT,
OFFICER--BUT
YOU SURE
MESSED ME--
UP! I'M WITH
ARMY COUNTER-
INTELLIGENCE
--AND THAT
MAN I WAS
CHASING
WAS A
FOREIGN
AGENT!

OF ALL THE
BONEHEAD --

HEY! I
JUST SAW
SOMETHING
MOVE
IN THAT
ALLEY!

DAN GARRET RUSHES INTO THE ALLEY--

HERE'S MY CHANCE TO CASH IN
ON THAT BONEHEAD PLAY BY
SWITCHING OUTFITS AND GETTING
INTO ACTION AS **THE BLUE
BEETLE**!

LAST I SAW OF THE AGENT, HE
WAS RUNNING TOWARD THE
DOCKS!...**EAST RIVER**...
HERE I COME!

AT THAT MOMENT ---

CHIEF, THIS IS AGENT **RZ**!
I COME FAST! PREPARE
THE ENTRANCE!

THEN --

CHIEF! A MAN
FROM THE
SKIES...A MAN
LIKE A **BLUE
BEETLE**...
IS COMING FOR
ME! I MUST
SPEAK FAST
NOW! **WHAT I
WAS CARRYING
HAD TO BE
LEFT BEHIND!**

HE'S LOST
CONTROL OF
THE SPEEDBOAT!
...AND THERE'S
TOO MUCH
RIVER TRAFFIC
TO LET HIM RUN
WILD!



WHEN DAN GARRET FINALLY REPORTS TO HEADQUARTERS..



...HE **DID** HAVE TIME TO GET RID OF THE **MICROFILM** HE WAS CARRYING!...MANNIGAN, FROM NOW ON DON'T LET THIS ROOKIE OUT OF YOUR SIGHT! MAYBE HE MEANS WELL-- BUT HE'S GREENER THAN A NEW POOL TABLE!



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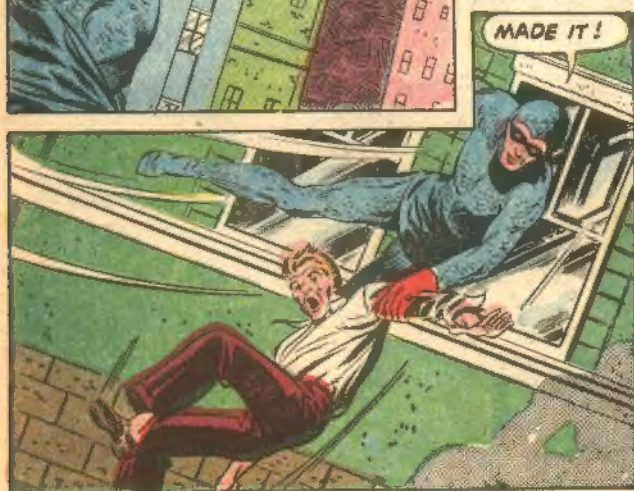
BUT BEFORE DAN CAN MAKE A MOVE---



THERE'S A STRONG WIND UP THERE...AND THAT CONSTRUCTION WORKER'S ABOUT TO FALL OFF THE GIRDER! NO TIME NOW TO CHECK ON WHAT'S GOING ON IN JOAN'S APARTMENT!



MADE IT!



WHEW... THAT WAS CLOSE!... WHERE'RE YOU GOING, BLUE BEETLE? AREN'T YOU GOING TO GIVE ME A CHANCE TO SAY THANKS?

JOAN'S APARTMENT... IF I'M LUCKY--- THEY'LL STILL BE SEARCHING IT!



THEY'VE CLEARED OUT!...BUT THEY DIDN'T FIND WHAT THEY WERE LOOKING FOR---AND NEXT TIME, IT'LL BE JOAN HERSELF THEY'LL COME AFTER!



LATER, AS DAN GARRET AGAIN--

YOU HAVE ROOKIE JITTERS, DAN!...SO WHAT IF MY APARTMENT WAS SEARCHED? HAVEN'T YOU EVER HEARD OF SECOND-STORY MEN? WHY SHOULD IT MEAN I'M IN DANGER?....



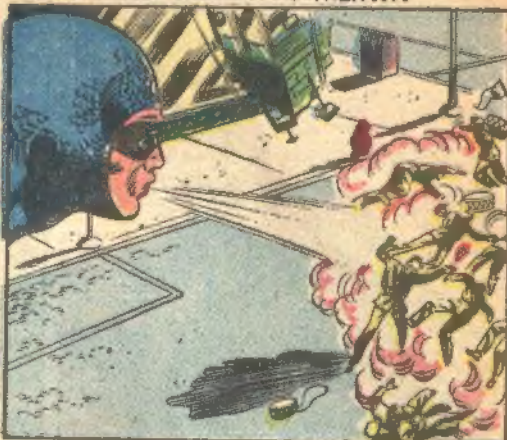
THE NEXT DAY-- LUCKY THIS IS MY DAY OFF. SO I CAN SPEND IT AS THE BLUE BEETLE, WATCHING OVER JOAN! SO FAR NOTHING'S --- HEY! THAT CORNICE UP THERE... IT'S CRUMBLING!





A PARADE'S ROUNDED THE CORNER! THEY'RE MARCHING RIGHT UNDER-NEATH.... AND THERE'S NOT ENOUGH TIME FOR ME TO GET TO THE CORNICE!

STILL HURLING THROUGH THE AIR, THE BLUE BEETLE TAKES A DEEP BREATH! AND THEN....

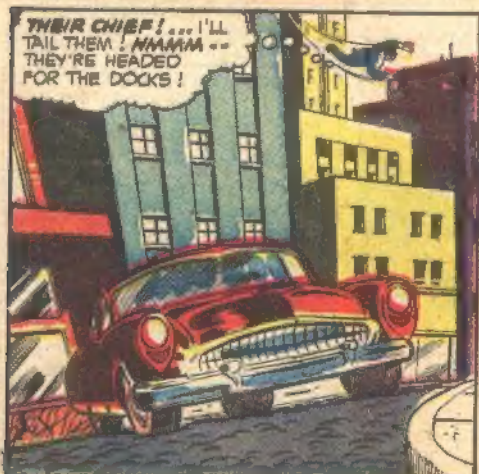


IT WORKED! I BLEW THEM ALL OUT OF THE IMPACT AREA....AND NO ONE WAS HURT! I'LL ZOOM TO THE ROOF NOW TO SEE WHAT MADE THE CORNICE CRASH!



WE HAVE FAILED! THE FALLING CORNICE HAS NOT MADE JOAN MASON RUSH FROM HER OFFICE TO INTERVIEW THE ONLOOKERS!

THERE'S NOTHING ELSE WE CAN DO! LET'S REPORT BACK TO THE CHIEF!



THEIR CHIEF!...I'LL TAIL THEM! HAHAM... THEY'RE HEADED FOR THE DOCKS!



LATER..

THE BULKHEAD OF THAT SHIP'S SLIDING OPEN!...THEY'RE STEERING THEIR SPEED-BOAT RIGHT IN!

AFTER A SOUNDLESS DIVE ---

THE SHIP'S HOLLOW...JUST A FALSE-FRONT TO COVER UP A SUBMARINE MOORED INSIDE! I'LL SWIM CLOSE TO THE HULL...AND GET AN EARFUL OF WHAT THEY HAVE TO REPORT TO THEIR CHIEF!



WE COULD NOT LURE THE GIRL FROM HER OFFICE! SHE STILL HAS HER COAT WITH HER... WITH THE MICROFILM TAPED TO THE LINING!...

FOOLS! THE AMERICAN POLICE ARE STILL QUESTIONING AGENT #27! WHAT IF HE CRACKS?... WHAT IF HE TELLS THEM WHERE HE PLANTED THE FILM WHILE HE WAS BEING CHASED?



JUST THEN -- SIR, RADIO MESSAGE FROM THE OTHER TEAM. **THEY** HAVE CAPTURED JOAN MASON! THEY HAVE THE FILM...AND ARE AWAITING YOUR ORDERS!



YOU SEE NOW WHY **YOU** FAILED? I HAD **TWO** TEAMS OF OPERATIVES WORKING IN THE CITY TODAY! WHILE YOU FOOLS WERE WORKING ON THE ROOF, **THEY** WERE 'CONTACTING' THE YOUNG LADY **INSIDE** HER OFFICE!...



TRANSMIT THESE ORDERS AT ONCE! THEY ARE TO LOAD BOTH THE MICROFILM AND THE YOUNG LADY ONTO THE PLANE AT OUR SECRET AIRPORT! IF ANY ATTEMPT IS MADE TO STOP THEM, THEY ARE TO USE THE GIRL'S LIFE AS A MEANS OF BARGAINING THEIR WAY OUT!



HAVE TO GET THAT PLANE...BUT FIRST I WANT TO MAKE SURE THE SUB DOESN'T GET AWAY! **THOSE CABLES!**



JUST GOT ANOTHER MESSAGE, SIR--- THE PLANE IS ABOUT TO TAKE OFF!

EXCELLENT! OUR MISSION TO OBTAIN THE ATOMIC SECRETS HAS BEEN ACCOMPLISHED!... NOW WE CAN RETURN TO THE HOMETLAND! **FULL SPEED AHEAD!...**





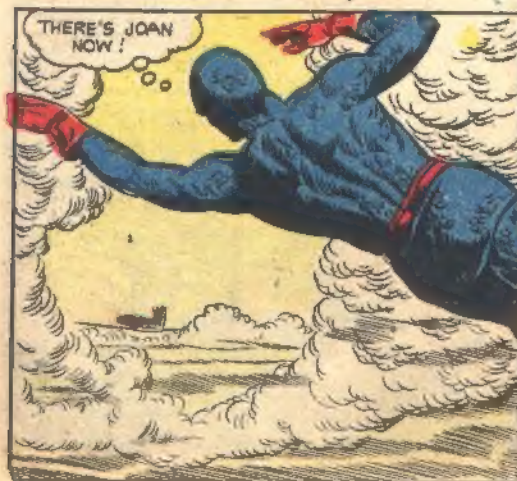
NOW THE BLUE BEETLE SOARS INTO THE AIR, AND BEGINS CIRCLING THE CITY...



...CHECKING ALL OUTGOING PLANES WITH HIS X-RAY VISION!



MEANWHILE ...



SUDDENLY THE PLANE LURCHES SICKENINGLY!



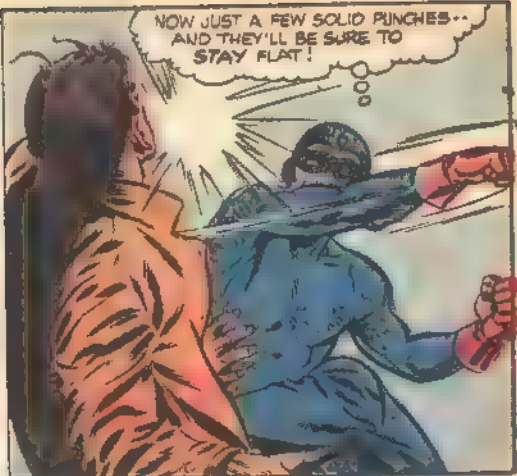
AND BEFORE THE AGENTS GET BACK ON THEIR FEET...

BLUE BEETLE!

T TOOK A HARD YANK ON THEIR A RELO TO KNOCK THEM ALL FLAT.

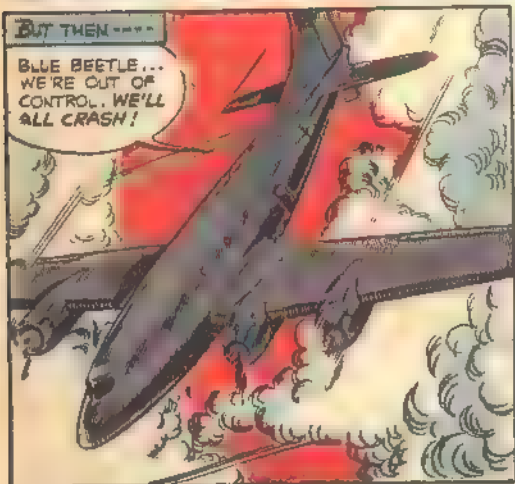


NOW JUST A FEW SOLID PUNCHES-- AND THEY'LL BE SURE TO STAY FLAT!

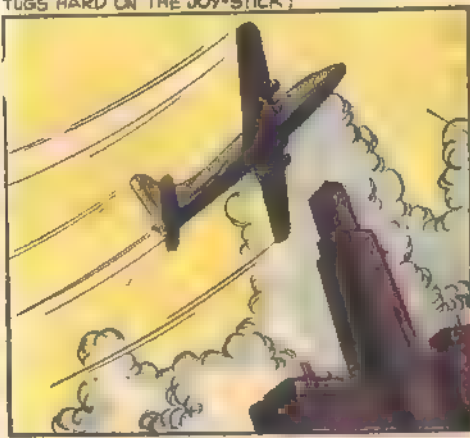


BUT THEN----

BLUE BEETLE... WE'RE OUT OF CONTROL. WE'LL ALL CRASH!



A SPLIT-SECOND BEFORE THE PLANE CAN CRASH, THE BLUE BEETLE WHIZZES FORWARD AND TUGS HARD ON THE JOY-STICK!



LATER--

YOU COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE MEN CAN THANK YOUR LUCKY STARS THAT THE BLUE BEETLE TOOK OVER!

ONE THING YOU'LL NEVER KNOW, YOUNG LADY, IS THAT THE BLUE BEETLE HAS BEEN WORKING WITH US ALL THE TIME! WE ARRANGED FOR THE FIRST AGENT TO ESCAPE WITH SOME BLANK MICROFILM SO HE COULD LEAD US TO THE CHIEF. BUT HE PLANTED THE FILM ON YOU...AND THEN HAD TO BE RESCUED FROM THE RIVER BEFORE HE EVER GOT TO HIS CHIEF...AND THAT'S WHEN THINGS BEGAN GETTING COMPLICATED!

YOU'RE LUCKY, DAN THAT EVERYTHING WAS WOUND UP ON YOUR DAY OFF. OTHERWISE, YOU'D SURELY HAVE BOLLOXED IT ALL!

ONE THING NEITHER YOU NOR ANYBODY ELSE--NOT EVEN COUNTER-INTELLIGENCE--WILL EVER KNOW...IS THAT I'M THE BLUE BEETLE!



JOAN MASON

REPORTER

IN THE
WANDERING
ATOMIC
BOMB!

JOAN S. EATERS
FUMAD
HAPPY BIRTHDAY
AND THANK AN
ATTITUDE TO
POVE TO HER HOW
LUCKY SHE REALLY IS!

SATURDAY

FRIDAY

13

NO NEWS
IN A WEEK.
AND YOU
SIT THERE
READING.

WHAT DO YOU WANT ME
TO DO, START ANOTHER
WAR? I'M GETTING
EDUCATED WHILE
I WAIT.

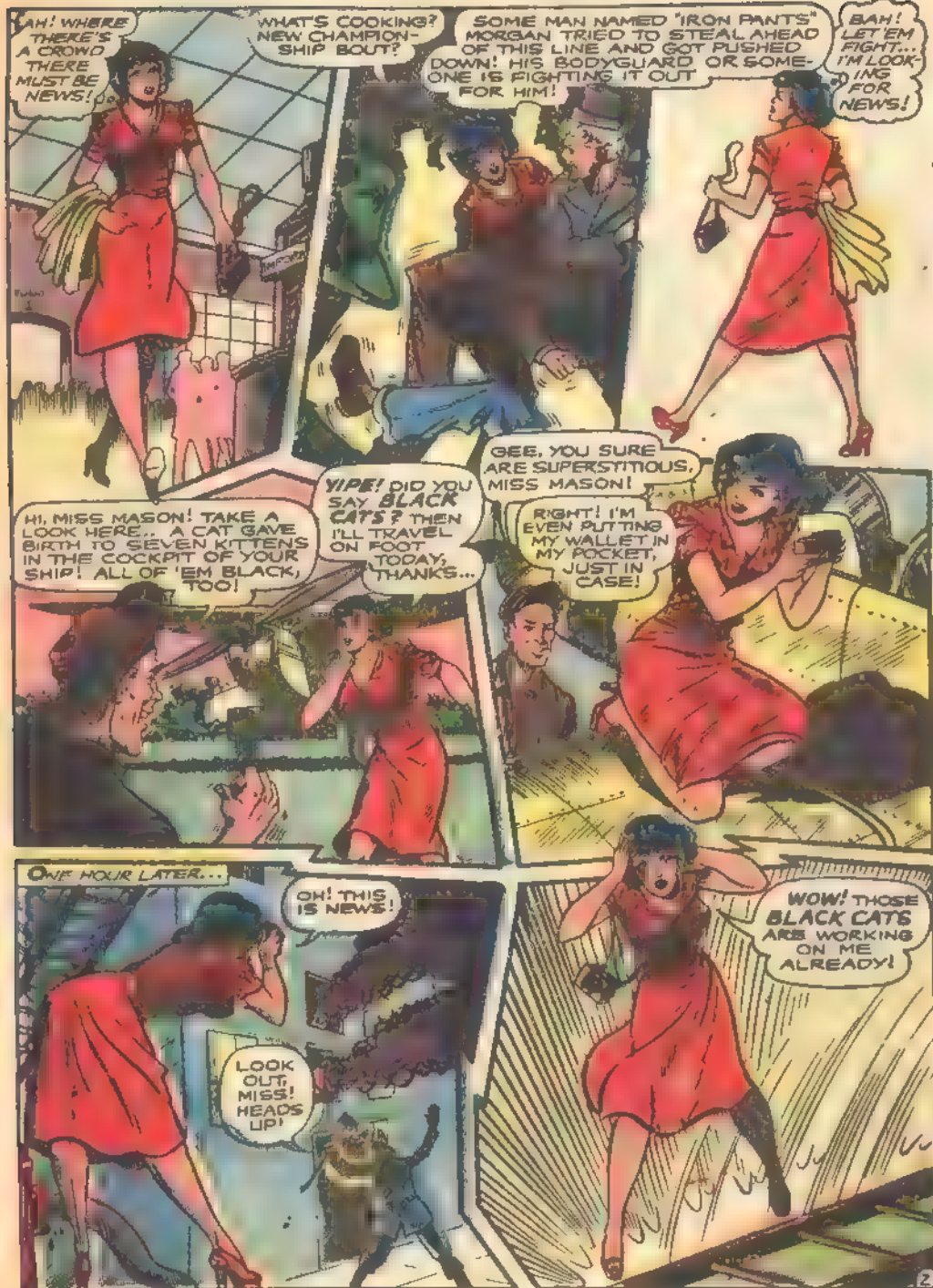
4. His
5. the
6. people

VERY FUNNY! I'LL DIE
LAUGHING... BUT BE-
FORE I DO... GET
OUT OF HERE AND
GET SOME NEWS ..
ANY KIND OF NEWS!

DON'T YELL...I'M
GOING...SHALL I
USE MY CAMERA?

I DON'T CARE
IF YOU USE A
YO-YO! SCRAM!
BEAT IT AND
DON'T COME
BACK WITH-
OUT SOME
NEWS!

BLUE BEETLE



BLUE BEETLE





MEN! WOMEN! BOYS! GIRLS!

YOURS

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OR GROUP**

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raise money for your
club or group

BLUE BEETLE



AH! HOME, SWEET HOME... TO SLEEP, PERCHANCE TO BUBBLE BATH!

DARN IT ALL HELLO!

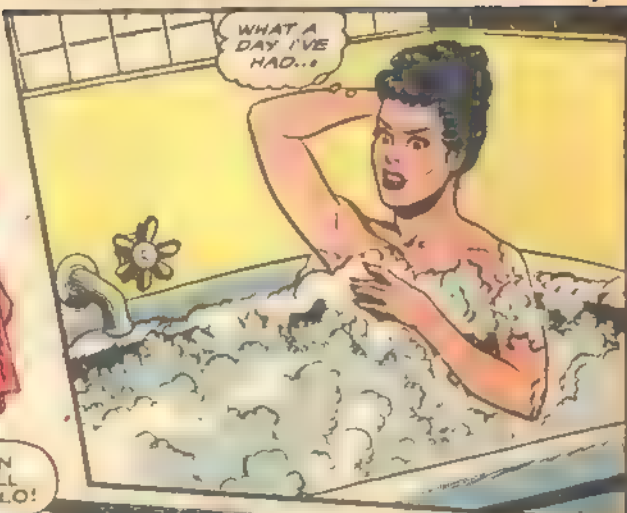
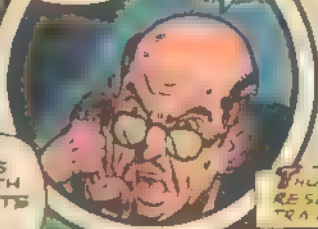
OH, NO!



NO AND DON'T BLAME ME! FIRST THERE WAS A FIGHT, SOME GUY WITH A NAME LIKE IRON PANTS MORGAN WAS BUYING A TICKET AT THE AIRPORT, AND...

IRON PANTS MORGAN! THAT MAN IS NEWS! GOOD NIGHT! YOU DON'T EVEN KNOW IT WHEN YOU SEE IT! TRAIL THAT MAN! REPORT EVERYTHING... ANYTHING ABOUT HIM!

GET DOWN HERE RIGHT AWAY!



WHAT A DAY I'VE HAD...

LOOK AT THIS MESS! EVERY PICTURE COMPLETELY OUT OF FOCUS... IF THEY CAN BE CALLED PICTURES... A LADDER, A DOG'S TAIL, ETC., ETC.! TELL ME, DID ANYTHING ELSE EXCITING HAPPEN TO YOU TODAY, MISS MASON?

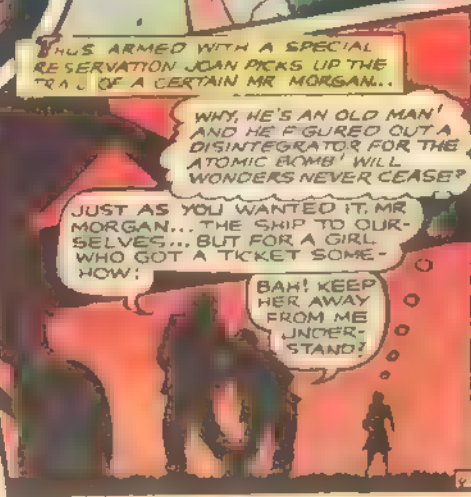


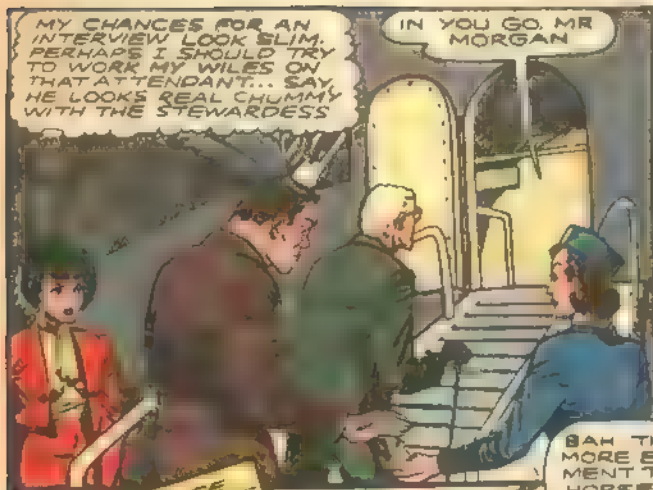
THUS ARMED WITH A SPECIAL RESERVATION JOAN PICKS UP THE TRAIL OF A CERTAIN MR. MORGAN...

WHY, HE'S AN OLD MAN! AND HE FIGURED OUT A DISINTEGRATOR FOR THE ATOMIC BOMB! WILL WONDERS NEVER CEASE?

JUST AS YOU WANTED IT, MR. MORGAN... THE SHIP TO OURSELVES... BUT FOR A GIRL WHO GOT A TICKET SOMEHOW:

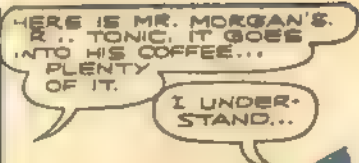
BAH! KEEP HER AWAY FROM ME UNDERSTAND?





MY CHANCES FOR AN INTERVIEW LOOK SLIM. PERHAPS I SHOULD TRY TO WORK MY WILES ON THAT ATTENDANT... SAY HE LOOKS REAL CHUMMY WITH THE STEWARDESS

IN YOU GO, MR MORGAN



HERE IS MR. MORGAN'S R... TONIC, IT GOES INTO HIS COFFEE... PLENTY OF IT.

I UNDERSTAND...



AND THE HUGE TRANSPORT CLIMBS SKYWARD

BAH THERE'S MORE EXCITEMENT TO A HORSE AND BUGGY

YES, MR MORGAN

ODD LOOKING ATTENDANT MAYBE I SEE TOO MANY MOVIES, BUT HE LOOKS LIKE A GANGSTER TO ME



TONIC? WHAT IF IT WAS POISON... OR A SLEEPING POTION... NOT THAT I CAN FIGURE OUT WHY IT SHOULD BE. GUESS I'VE GOT TOO MUCH NEWS-PAPER BLOOD IN ME, BUT



OOOPS! SORRY I'LL JUST TAKE MY COFFEE NOW, IF YOU DON'T MIND

OF COURSE BUT ER WAIT THAT ONE IS FOR MR MORGAN!

BLUE BEETLE

LOCKING HERSELF IN THE WASHROOM,
JOAN SAMPLES THE BREW.

UGH... BITTER! ON-OH!
TASTES LIKE KNOCK-
OUT DROPS!
COULD IT BE
THAT I'VE
BUMPED INTO
A STORY?



BUT AN HOUR PASSES
UNEVENTFULLY... UNTIL...

YOU BOTCHED IT! HE WAS
SUPPOSED TO BE ASLEEP
WHEN WE LANDED. IT
WOULD HAVE
BEEN EASY
THEN...

BUT THE GIRL
GRABBED THE
COFFEE AND



PARACHUTES!
TRANSPORTS!
DON'T KEEP THEM
IN WASHROOMS!
SOMETHIN' FUNNY
AROUND HERE,
LUCKY, MY GIRL!



I'LL DO IT
THE HARD
WAY. BE
READY...

BUT MY JOB!
I DON'T WANT
ANY TROUBLE

SO! SOME-
THING IS UP
BUT WHAT?



SUDDENLY...

I'LL TAKE CARE OF
THE PILOT. YOU
WATCH THE GIRL!

RIGHT!

SAY, WHAT
IS THIS?
COPS AN'
ROBBERS?



COME ON, TROUBLE-
MAKER. FOLLOW
MORGAN INTO THAT
WASHROOM...

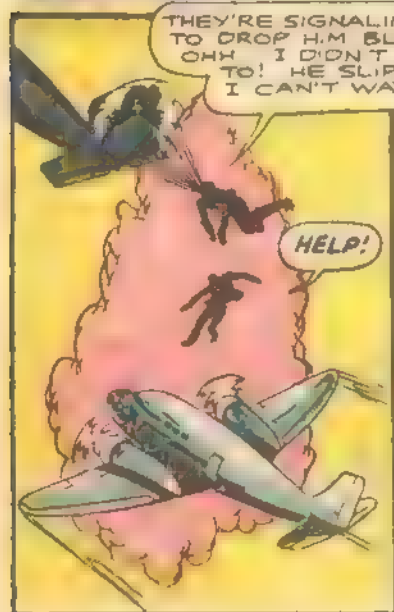
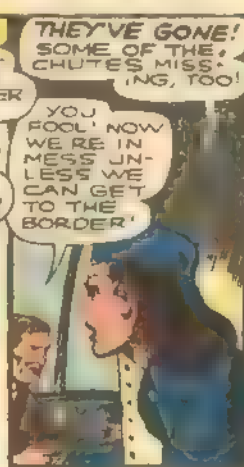
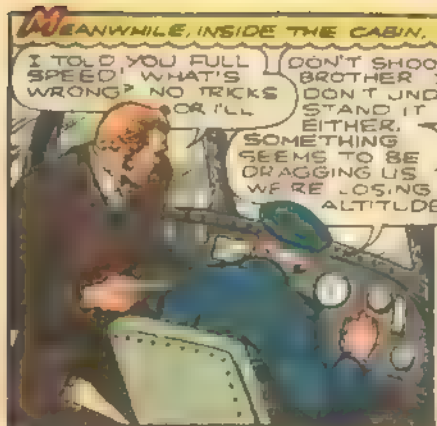
WHO...
ME?

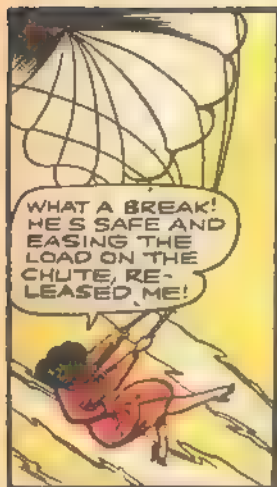


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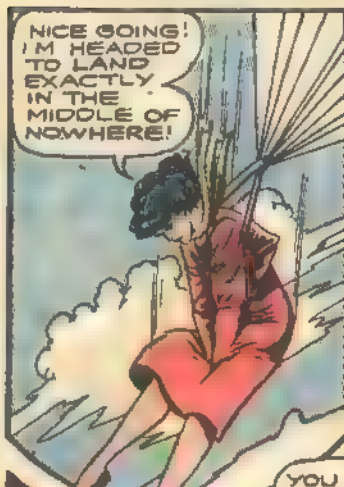


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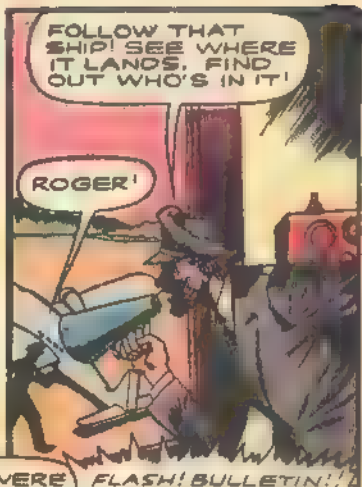




WHAT A BREAK!
HE'S SAFE AND
EASING THE
LOAD ON THE
CHUTE, RE-
LEASED ME!



NICE GOING!
I'M HEADED TO
LAND
EXACTLY
IN THE
MIDDLE OF
NOWHERE!



FOLLOW THAT
SHIP! SEE WHERE
IT LANDS. FIND
OUT WHO'S IN IT!

ROGER!



OH... HOW'LL I
EVER GET DOWN?
HELP! HELP!



THANKS,
M. STER.
NOW I
KNOW
WHY BIRDS
FLY!



YOU WERE
VERY KIND
TO...

FLASH! BULLETIN!!
ENTIRE COUNTRY
SEEKING WHERE
ABOUTS OF STAR
GAL REPORTER,
JOAN MASON, WHO
SAVED THE LIFE OF
"IRON PANTS" MORGAN,
ATOMIC BOMB EXPERT.

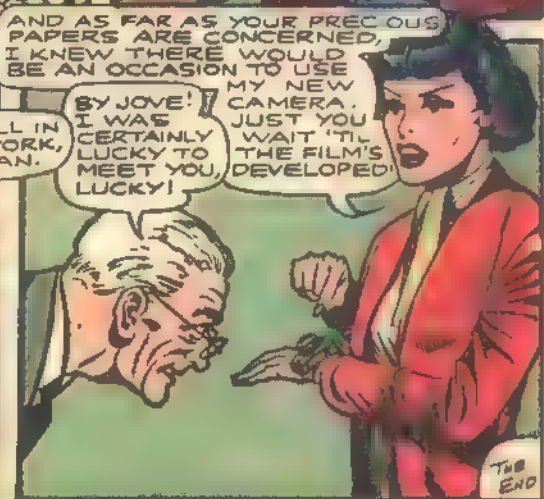
WAL, I'LL BE
USE OUR
TELEPHONE.
MAW!

AND A FEW
HOURS LATER...



AH, THERE YOU ARE, MY DEAR.
WHAT A TIME WE HAD, EH? EVEN
IF THOSE CROOKS DID
DESTROY MY ONLY
DISINTEGRATOR
PAPERS, I'M STILL
HERE, THANKS
TO YOU!

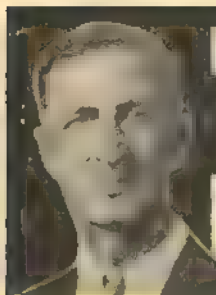
IT WAS ALL IN
A DAY'S WORK,
MR. MORGAN.



AND AS FAR AS YOUR PRECIOUS
PAPERS ARE CONCERNED,
I KNEW THERE WOULD
BE AN OCCASION TO USE

BY JOVE! I
WAS
CERTAINLY
LUCKY TO
MEET YOU,
LUCKY!

MY NEW
CAMERA.
I JUST
WAIT 'TIL
THE FILM'S
DEVELOPED.

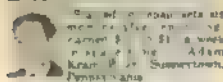


I WILL TRAIN YOU AT HOME FOR GOOD PAY JOBS IN RADIO-TELEVISION

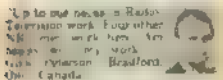
J. E. SMITH has trained more men for Radio-Television
(than any other man. SEE this V.E.D.)

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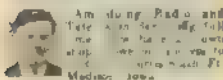
I TRAINED THESE MEN



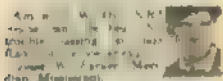
Adam Kean, Jr. Superintendent, Pennsylvania
"I had a good radio set at home before training. I earned \$1 a week. Now I make \$10 a week."



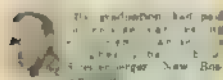
Frank Ryerson, Bradford, Ontario, Canada
"Up to me, news in Radio-Television work. Four other men work with me. They are happy in my work."



Am. Hung Pado and Tele. Man, New York
"I am a radio set at home. I have a good set. I make \$10 a week. I am a radio set at home. I have a good set. I make \$10 a week."



James W. Farmer, New York
"I am a radio set at home. I have a good set. I make \$10 a week. I am a radio set at home. I have a good set. I make \$10 a week."



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SIGN OF A MAN

"IS there something wrong?" Mrs. Fred Hancock asked anxiously.

Mr. Hancock frowned. "My dear," he said over his breakfast newspaper, "I don't suppose you could ever guess *what* annoys me?"

Mrs. Hancock looked worried and shook her head. "I declare," she said, "I never quite know how to fathom you when you act like this!"

"It's . . . it's my RAZOR, DARN IT!" Mr. Hancock yelled. "You know very well that if you want to cut seams in dresses, you may take a new blade if you want. Even take the whole pack. But PLEASE, I ask you once again, DON'T USE the blade that's ALREADY IN THE RAZOR! . But if you feel you MUST use the thing and MUST WASH it afterward, won't you PLEASE dry it off????"

Mrs. Hancock stood, hands on hips, and eyed her husband. "Fred Hancock, what on earth are you talking about?"

"My razor," said the irate husband, by now fully aware he was making a scene and not caring if he was, "my razor! This morning when I went to use it, it was all stuck up with RUST!"

Whatever it was that Mrs. Hancock was intending to say to her husband, she cut off her answer with a finger to her lips. Junior was clumping down the stairs.

"Please keep your temper, Fred. I don't believe it does Junior a bit of good to hear you rave like a maniac!"

"OH, A MANIAC, AM I?" began Mr. Hancock and then stopped short himself, when his wife said, "FRED!" real loud.

Mr. Hancock dove his fork into the yellow of the egg and then picked up a piece of buttered toast. Junior slid into his chair at the table, careful not to sound too cheerful in the middle of a spat. He knew by experience that these things quieted themselves down if you didn't press a matter too far.

Mrs. Hancock entered in a quietly reserved manner, forcing a martyred smile as she said, "Good morning, Junior."

"Good morning, Mom," Junior replied quietly. "Good morning, Pop."

Mr. Hancock's reply was stifled by Mrs. Hancock's expression of concern as she bent over Junior.

"Junior, dear," she said, "what on earth have you done to your face?"

Junior looked up from his plate, an expression of surprise and annoyance in his eyes. "Nothing," he said. "Why?"

"Those cuts on your cheek!" Junior's mother exclaimed, bending to closer inspection.

"Oh, those," said Junior, passing the matter lightly. "That's nothing. Just a little cut."

"But HOW?" Mrs. Hancock insisted. "How did you ever . . ."

"It's a cut," Junior insisted. "Practically nothing at all. Just a small scratch . . ."

"Ahem," Mr. Hancock interrupted. "I truly beg your pardon, Mother. I'm humbly repentant if I lost my temper. JUNIOR HAS BEEN SHAVING!"

"Oh, dear, NO!" said Mrs. Hancock in alarm. "Junior, you HAVEN'T!"

"Well, good night!" said Junior in exasperation, "A person HAS to begin some time! After all, my face was practically COVERED with moss!"

Mr. Hancock settled back behind his paper. "You just didn't SCRUB hard enough," he said with amusement. "But if you're GOING to begin the inevitable habit, I MUST remember to give you some VERY fundamental instructions in HOW TO HANDLE A RAZOR WHEN FINISHED!"

Junior reddened to the ears. He rose from the table, gulping the last of his breakfast.

"Okay, go ahead and razz," he said with feeling. "Go ahead, and see if I care!"

On the way to school Junior was not so sure that he did not care. If Pop and Mom noticed the cuts on his face so easily, what about the kids at school! How about Goofy Gordon, Tuffy Timkins, Deena, Barbara! Jeepers! If they got wise to it and began to give him the business!

Suddenly he began to feel weak in the knees and had an ill feeling in the pit of his stomach. It did not help to hear a voice he could not mistake as Goofy's yell, "Hey, Junior!"

Junior turned and saw Goofy approaching him from a block away. "I gotta take a message to Mrs. Jones for Mom!" Junior called and with that, took a side street. He gave his legs everything they'd take until his wind was gone. Slowing down to a walk he breathed heavily and plodded along, when a heavy hand clapped him on the shoulder. He turned startled and did not become less startled to see Tuffy Timkins walking beside him.

"What's the big hurry?" asked Tuffy. "Where's the fire?"

"Message!" Junior puffed. "Before school! Sorry, Tuffy. See ya later."

With that Junior broke into a run, cutting across lots. He scaled the fence at the end of the lot, entering Mr. Maxim Jones's yard and hurried through the Jones driveway onto the street. He could walk slowly down this street until he was safe from the prying eyes of his

friends and then hurry and make school before the last bell.

It came to him suddenly that Tuffy had not noticed the marks of the razor, but he decided that that was because Tuffy hadn't had a chance to observe. Well, maybe in classes the kids would be attending to their studies and wouldn't notice either. He hoped so.

In fact, Junior was hoping so so hard that he did not realize that he was walking straight toward Deena and Gwenny. Not until they spoke.

"You might at least say good morning," Deena chirped. Junior looked up and wished the ground would suddenly produce a large hole for him to crawl in. If it was one thing he couldn't stand it would be getting ribbed by a couple of girls. Junior tried walking on the inside of the sidewalk so his scratches would be away from the girls, but you couldn't get away with that with Deena and Gwenny.

He walked along and waited for the blow to fall, but nothing happened. Not all the way to school. The girls talked about everything under the sun, except Junior's evidences of approaching manhood, his razor scratches!

Gwenny ran on ahead, which left Deena and Junior alone, entering the building. Somehow, it seemed to Junior that lack of notice was worse than being ribbed would have been. Golly, what sense was there in shaving if it went unnoticed altogether?

Deena said just before the entrance: "Remember you're taking me to the movies tonight and the show starts at six-thirty!"

"Yeah," Junior replied thoughtfully. "And then the words fell from his lips automatically. He couldn't possibly have held them back. "I may take a few minutes longer than six-thirty," he replied. "I'll have a few things to do for Mom, and I've got to shave, you know!" With that, Junior ran into the building, leaving Deena awed and adoring, staring after him.

LAST CHANCE!



BLUE BEETLE!
LOOK OUT!

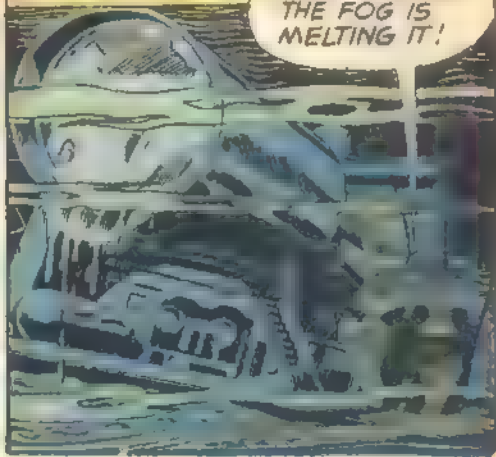
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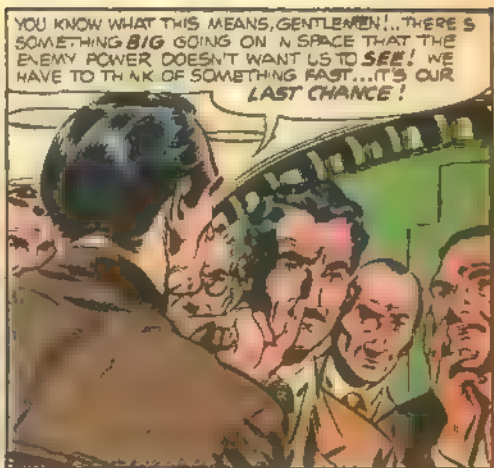
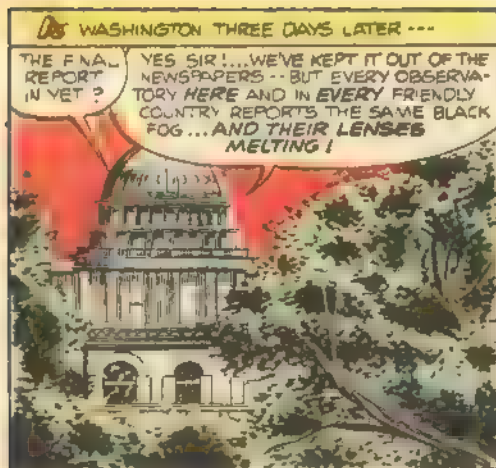
THICK BLACK FOG SLOWLY ENVELOPS A MOUNTAIN
OBSERVATORY.

HMMMM-- WHERE'D THAT
COME FROM?
DOESN'T LOOK
NATURAL....!

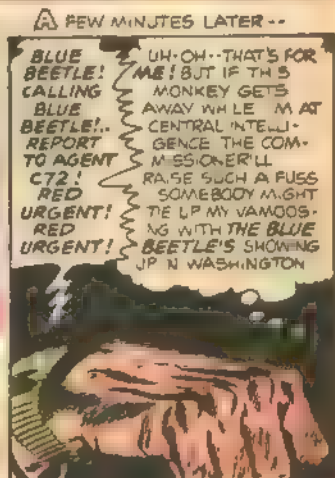
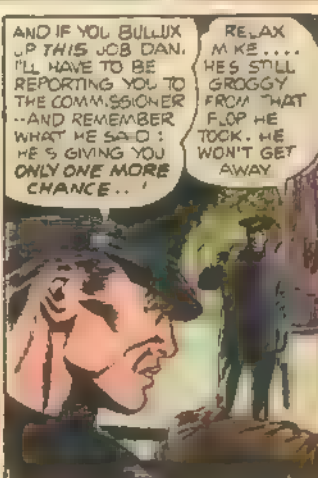
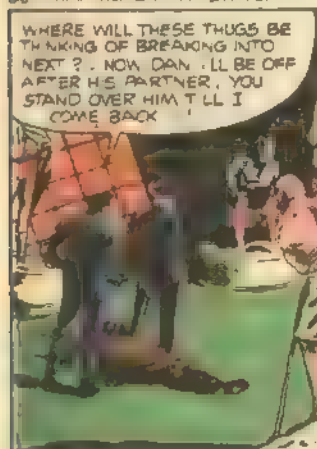
HALF HOUR LATER..

L-LOOK--THE LENS..
THE FOG IS
MELTING IT!





A THAT MOMENT IN NEW YORK ---



WORKING WITH INCREDIBLE SPEED, DAN GARRET FASHIONS ONE OF THE WAX STATUES INTO A LIKENESS OF HIMSELF. .AND THEN ---



LATER AT THE RENDEZ-VOUS WITH AGENT C72 IN A
CONDEMNED WASHINGTON TENEMENT--

THIS IS HOW WE'VE DOPED IT OUT SO FAR!.....
UNFRIENDLY AGENTS PLANTED PELLETS THAT RE-
LEASED A CHEMICAL FOG--AND THAT'S WHAT
MELTED ALL THOSE LENSES! NOW WHILE OUR
OBSERVATION OF SPACE IS CUT OFF, THEY'RE
DOING SOMETHING UP THERE THAT THEY
DON'T WANT US TO SEE!

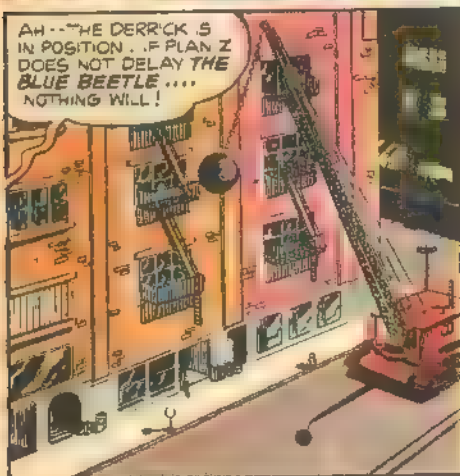


OUR GUESS IS
THAT THEY'VE HIT
A SHORT CUT
WAY OF BUILDING
A SPACE
PLATFORM!

IT'S AS WE FEARED. THE
BLUE BEETLE HAS BEEN
CALLED IN, BUT WE ARE
PREPARED!... RADIO OUR
OPERATIVE IN THE DERRICK
TO PROCEED WITH PLAN Z!

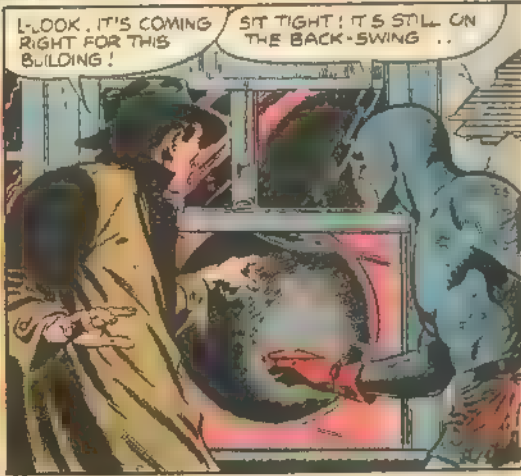


AH--THE DERRICK'S
IN POSITION... IF PLAN Z
DOES NOT DELAY THE
BLUE BEETLE....
NOTHING WILL!

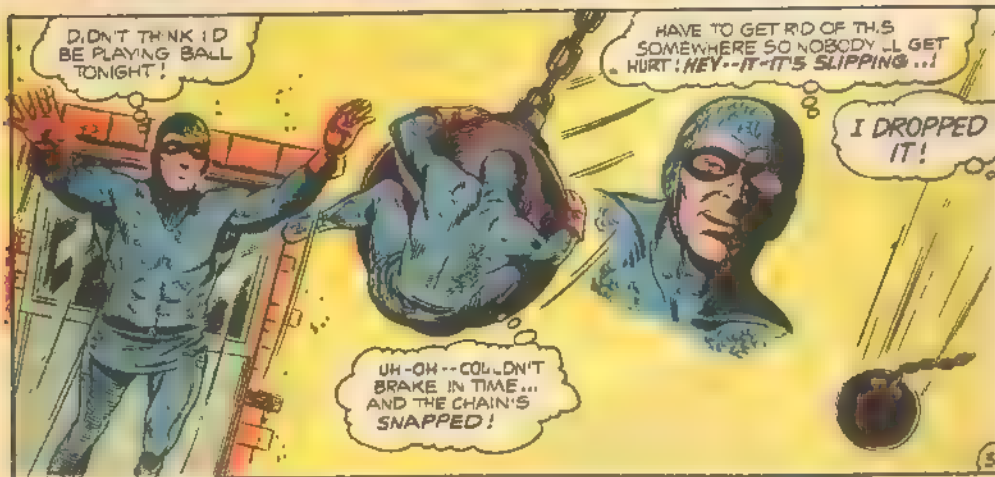


LOOK, IT'S COMING
RIGHT FOR THIS
BUILDING!

SIT TIGHT! IT'S STILL ON
THE BACK-SWING...



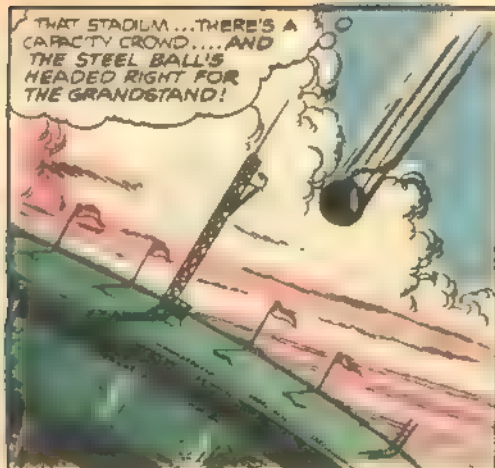
DIDN'T THINK I'D
BE PLAYING BALL
TONIGHT!



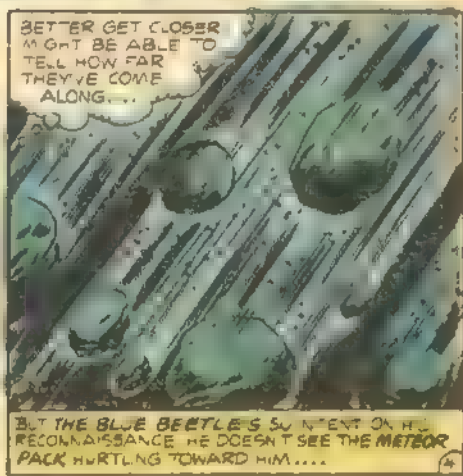
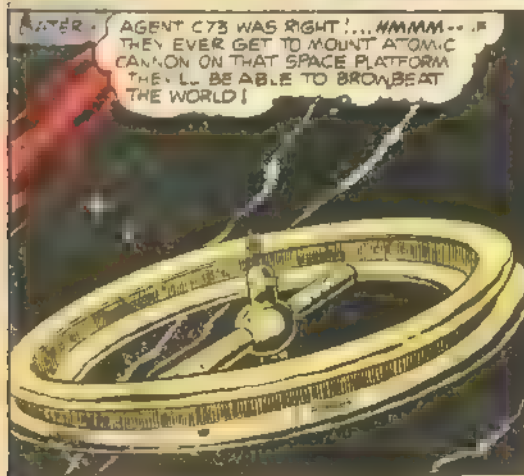
HAVE TO GET RID OF THIS
SOMEWHERE SO NOBODY'LL GET
HURT! HEY--IT-IT'S SLIPPING...

I DROPPED
IT!

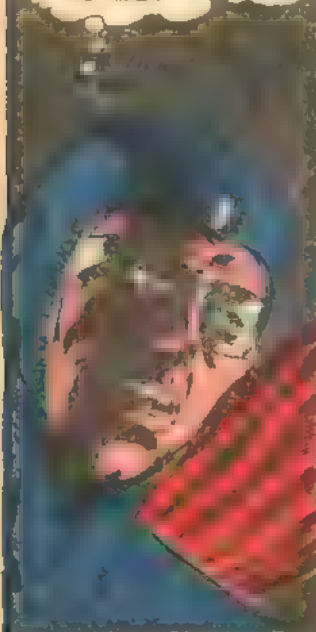
UH-OH--COULDN'T
BRAKE IN TIME...
AND THE CHAIN'S
SNAPPED!



ONLY THE BLUE BEETLE'S MIGHTY FRAME COULD SURVIVE THAT AWFUL IMPACT. NOW PERILOUSLY BALANCING THE MASSIVE BALL, HE FLIES TO A NEARBY RIVER AND THERE ---



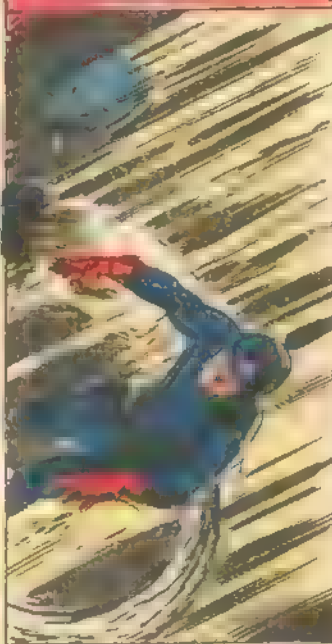
UNTIL IT'S TOO LATE TO SWERVE...
CAN'T GET OUT OF THE WAY...
NO TIME!



BUT THERE IS TIME TO START
SPINNING AT SUPER VELOCITY EVEN
AS HE CONTINUES HIS UPWARD
FLIGHT.



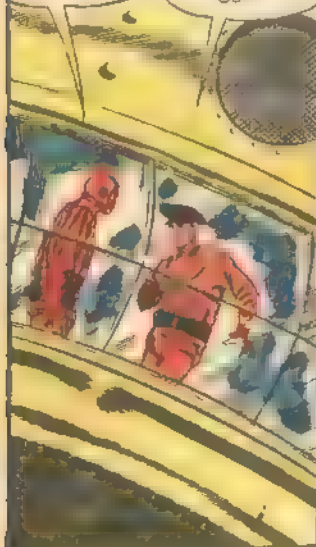
THE BLUE BEETLE
HOLDING HIS BREATH
ON THE EDGE OF
DEATH.



A SHORT TIME LATER ON A SPACE
STATION.

S.R. THE
BLUE BEETLE
HAS BEEN SIGHTED
APPROACHING
OUR ORBIT.

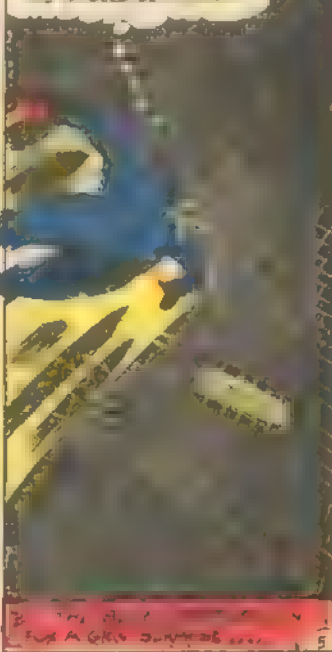
QUICK BEFORE
HE CAN COME
CLOSER....
ORDER THE
SPACE
SPIDERS
OUT.

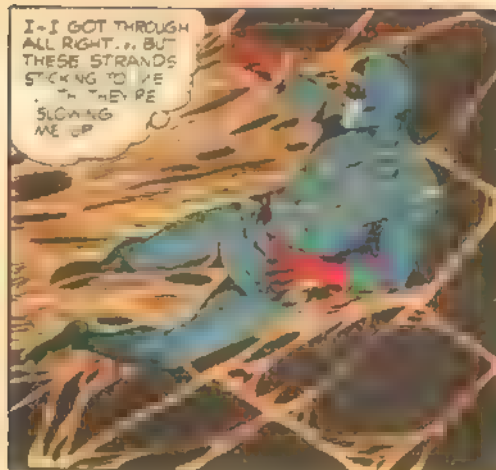


THE SPACE SPIDERS ARE SMALL
JET PLANES WHOSE JET STREAMS
SLOWLY FOLLOW BEHIND THEM AS THEY FLY
A ZIG-ZAG FORMATION.

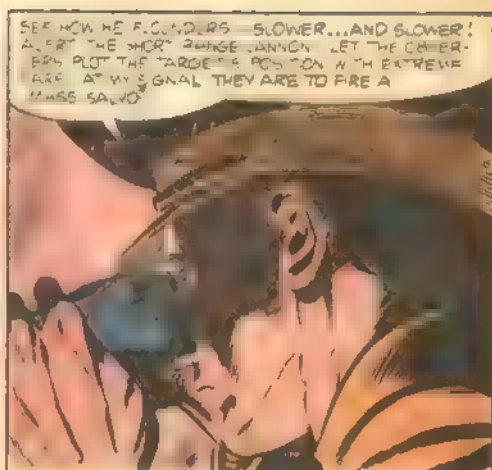


A WEB, AFTER DRILLING
THROUGH THAT METAL
THEY SHOULD BE A MATCH.

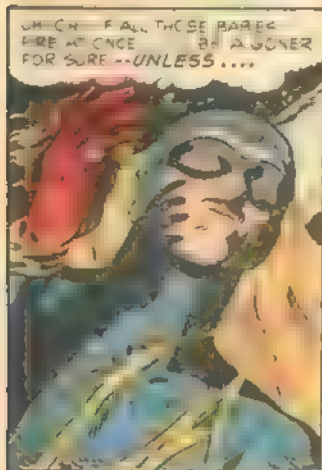




I-I GOT THROUGH
ALL RIGHT... BUT
THESE STRANDS
STICK TO ME
... THEY'RE
SLOWING
ME UP



SEE HOW HE FLUNDERS—SLOWER...AND SLOWER!
ALERT! THE MORTAR RANGE...ANNON! LET THE CHIEF
BOMBS PLOT THE TARGET'S POSITION WITH EXTREME
PRECISION AT THIS SIGNAL THEY ARE TO FIRE A
MASS SALVO



OH-CH—IF ALL THESE BARRAGE
FIRE AT ONCE—BE A LITTLE
FOR SURE--UNLESS....

A FEW MINUTES LATER...



ALL CANNON ON TARGET?...
EXCELLENT... FIRE !!



A-MISSED... AT THIS RANGE?...
IT IS IMPOSSIBLE... CHECK THE
OBSERVER--FIND OUT WHAT
WENT WRONG

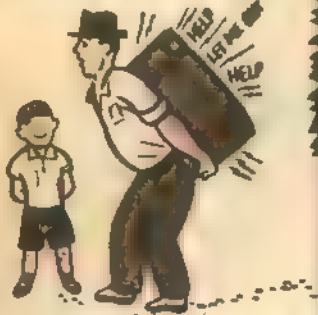


THANK YOU, MY GREAT BIG BROT... FOR
SUPER MAGNIFYING LENSING... YOU'VE
MADE MY EYES SO HARD THAT I CAN
OBSERVE HIS EYES HE IS GOING TO PLOT THE
POSITION OF A BARRAGE TOWER RIGHT ON
TOP OF ME.



HE THOUGHT THE
BLUE BEETLE SHALL
NOT ESCAPE OUR
BARRAGE....!

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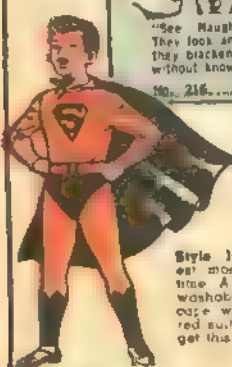


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I-I CANNOT UNDERSTAND! I DO NOT SEE HOW AT ALL NOW, HE HAS VANISHED...!



KNEW THAT REFLECTED-SUN TRICK WOULDN'T WORK TWICE....



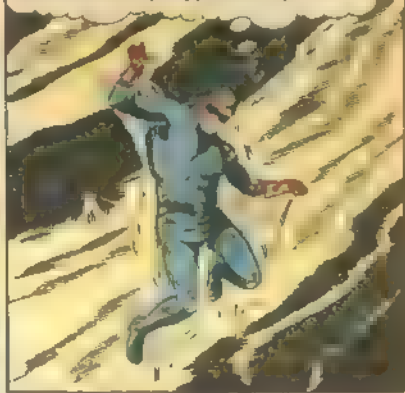
SO I ROLLED MYSELF INTO A BALL--AND NOW THEY CAN'T TELL ME APART FROM ALL THE OTHER SPHERES IN SPACE..



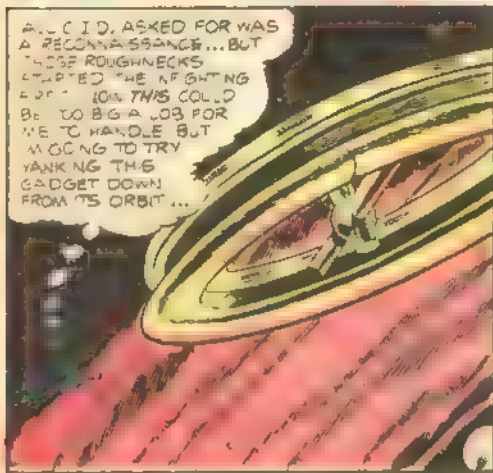
A MOMENT LATER THE SPACE PLATFORM STARTS ROCKING CREATIVELY...



NOBODY OUT HERE BUT US 2 F BEETLES! ...AND F M ROCKING THE BOAT 'TIS BECAUSE THERE'S NO OTHER WAY TO SCRAPE THESE WEB STRANDS OFF..!



ALL I'D ASKED FOR WAS A RECONNAISSANCE...BUT THESE ROUGHNECKS STARTED THE FIGHTING AND... NOW THIS COULD BE TOO BIG A JOB FOR ME TO HANDLE BUT MIGHTY TO TRY YANKING THE GADGET DOWN FROM ITS ORBIT...



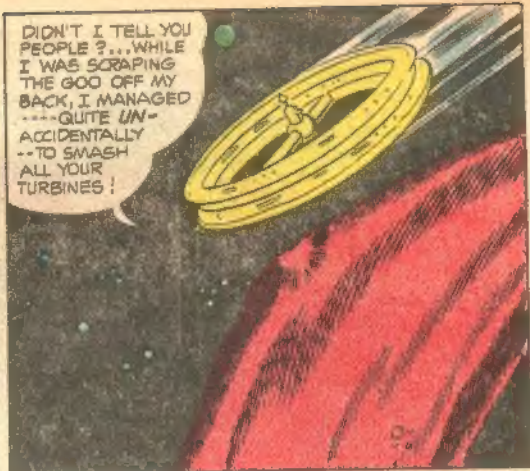
...TO (GASP) WHERE THE EARTH'S GRAVITY FIELD CAN TAKE OVER!

START ALL THE ENGINES, WE CAN CONCENTRATE THE BLUE BEETLE'S STRENGTH....

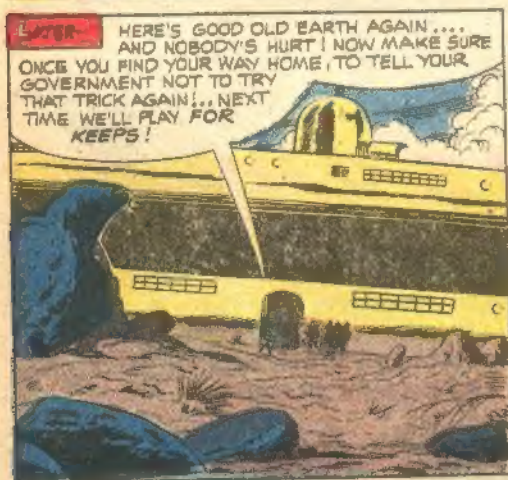




W-W-E'VE PULLED ALL THE SWITCHES, SIR....BUT THE ENGINES WON'T WORK....AND WE'RE STILL GOING DOWN!



DIDN'T I TELL YOU PEOPLE?...WHILE I WAS SCRAPING THE GOO OFF MY BACK, I MANAGED---QUITE UN-ACCIDENTALLY---TO SMASH ALL YOUR TURBINES!



LATER HERE'S GOOD OLD EARTH AGAIN.... AND NOBODY'S HURT! NOW MAKE SURE ONCE YOU FIND YOUR WAY HOME, TO TELL YOUR GOVERNMENT NOT TO TRY THAT TRICK AGAIN!...NEXT TIME WE'LL PLAY FOR KEEPS!



MEANWHILE, IN NEW YORK--

WHAT DO YOU KNOW--THAT COP'S SLEEPING WITH HIS EYES WIDE OPEN!... WELL--WHAT AM I WAITIN' FOR?



SO LONG, SUCKER!

BUT THE BLUE BEETLE RETURNS FROM HIS MISSION JUST IN TIME---

HEY! S-SOMETHIN'S PULLIN' ME BACK! I-I THINK I'M GONNA BLACK OUT...!



AND SO-- GLORY BE--YOU DIDN'T LET HIM GET AWAY!... BUT DON'T LET THIS GO TO YOUR HEAD, DANNY BOY! IT'S A LONG WAY YOU STILL HAVE TO GO BEFORE YOUR ROOKIE DAYS WILL BE OVER!

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Panel 2: HEY, SUGAR, WHY DON'T YOU QUIT THAT HUMAN SKELETON AND GET A REAL MAN!

Panel 3: SEE HERE, YOU BETTER SHUT UP OR I'LL ---

Panel 4: YOU'LL WHAT—YOU POOR CHUMP! (Joe: OH, JOE, WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO GROW UP AND BE A MAN?)

Panel 5: DOGGONE! I'M FED UP WITH BEING A WEAKLING—I'LL GET CHARLES ATLAS'S FREE BOOK AND FIND OUT WHAT HE CAN DO FOR ME!

Panel 6: GOLLY, ATLAS BUILDS MUSCLES FAST! JUST WATCH MY SMOKE NOW!

Panel 7: ONE HAND IS AS GOOD AS TWO WHEN YOU'RE AN ATLAS CHAMP! (Joe: THERE GOES THE BELL—JOE, YOU'RE WONDERFUL)

Panel 8: OUT OF THE WAY SMALL-FRY, MAKE WAY FOR A MAN! (Joe: O-OH, JOE, YOU'RE MORE THAN THAT—YOU'RE A HE-MAN NOW!)

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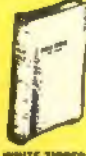
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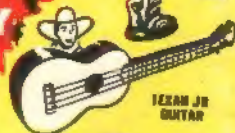
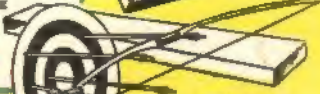
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